



PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No.: A-62326-2/RFT/JJD
(Genentech Ref.: P0965P1C2)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
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Bruce A. KEYT, et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/346,069)
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Filing Date: 1 July 1999)
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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING)
VARIANTS OF VASCULAR)
ENDOTHELIAL CELL GROWTH)
FACTOR)

Examiner: C. KAUFMAN

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 6 December 2000. It is accompanied by a petition for two months extension of time and the requisite fee, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-62326-2/RFT/JJD).

REMARKS

Claims 15-33 are currently pending. A list of the pending claims is provided in an appendix for the Examiner's convenience.

The claims are subject to a restriction requirement. Specifically, the Examiner has determined that the following three groups of claims represent distinct inventions: